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Elba, Alabama

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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According to Coffee County Revenue Commissioner

Elba area shows growth for first time in a few years in with property taxes

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns presented the annual tax settlement report from property taxes collected for the year just completed Monday morning, May 13, during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

"Elba hasn't had a lot of growth in the last four years," Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronne Burns said in presenting the annual tax settlement report to commissioners. "It looks like it is starting to grow back."

After reported any insolvents, errors or litigations from the report, he asked commissioners to approve the report so it could be delivered to the state. The motion to approved passed unanimously.

Burns said the county collected \$22,125,026.43 for the 2022 tax year. This past year, the 2023 tax year, his office collected \$24,364,975.50.

"A lot of the increase is due to construction and construction costs but also because of the fact that Coffee County is growing," Burns said. "It is growing much more than people realize."

There were increases in the tax collections all across the board for Coffee County in 2023.

One good sign in the report, according to the revenue commissioner, was an increase shown for Elba. He said taxes collected for Elba increased \$5,618.17 from the year prior.

"Elba hasn't had a lot of growth in the last four years," Burns said. "It looks like it is starting to grow back."

Again, he noted increased taxes for the Elba school district for the collection year as he noted the increases for the school districts. Taxes for District E, which is Elba, increased \$1,838.41 this year.

"That doesn't sound like a lot, but last year it was down. The year before that it was down too," Burns said. "They are starting to come back."

Overall, Burns said it was a good tax collection year

for Coffee County.

In other business during Monday's commission meeting, commissioners approved requests from the engineer and environmental services departments to surplus some equipment and vehicles to be sold at the upcoming JM Wood auction scheduled for June.

Upon the recommendation of county administrator Rod Morgan, commissioners also voted to

take on the maintenance and improvements for the Department of Human Resources Building in Enterprise, beginning Oct. 1st of this year.

Morgan said that building is owned by the county but

leased by the state. He said the state has asked the county to take over the maintenance of the building after the contract with the current maintenance provider ends later this year. He further noted this would be only for maintenance and improvements to the building and would not cover janitorial or ground upkeep services.

Also, requested by the county administrator, commissioners approved a motion to purchase off state bid a truck for the county EMA office.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 27, at 9 a.m., in New Brockton.

NOTICE:

The annual commemorative Graduation Section to The Elba Clipper featuring area seniors will be in next Thursday's edition of the newspaper.



The regular season for the Elba Parks and Recreation baseball/softball seasons came to an end last week. Now, teams are preparing for all-star tournaments. Last Thursday evening, May 9, the Elba and New Brockton 8u Coach-Pitch baseball teams met up at Hawkins-Williams Park. This was a very competitive game that ended in a tie. Above, Elba Coach Rachel Moore is shown telling his player to stop at third just as the New Brockton team gets the ball back in from the outfield. The runner just beat the throw to the base.

Upon request of Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker

City leaders vote to send letter of intent to purchase new fire truck for fire department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, May 13, at Elba City Hall, Mayor Tom Maddox proclaimed Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to be Emergency Medical Services for Children [EMSC] Day.

This will be part of the National EMS Week.

I urge all citizens and health care professionals serving the pediatric population to celebrate EMS Week's 2024 theme 'Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future' to become familiar with Emergency Medical Services for Children," Maddox said.

Also, during the meeting, council members held a lengthy discussion with Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker regarding the potential purchase of a new fire truck for the department. He said the truck the new one would replace was purchased in 1999.

The truck the department is looking to purchase is already in the build process and the price for it is based on numbers from 14-15 months ago. Chief Parker said a truck ordered today would cost at least \$100,000 more now due to the current market.

The cost of the truck presented to the council is approximately \$700,000. Parker said that cost would be shared between the Elba

Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Elba.

During Monday's meeting, the fire chief said he basically needed a motion for intent to purchase to take back to the company he is dealing with so the truck can be marked as sold to Elba.

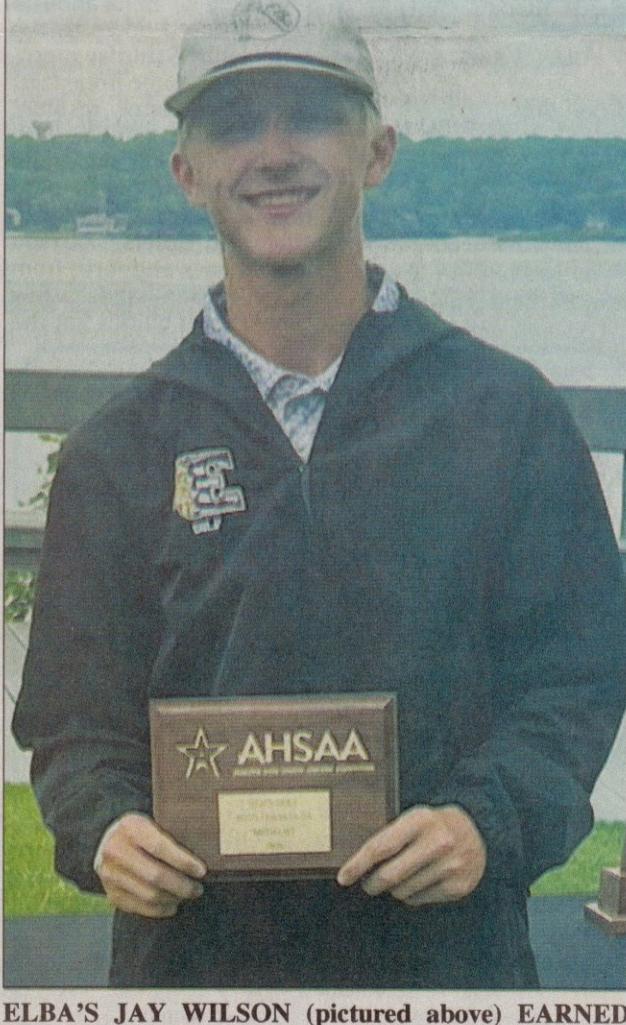
Parker said no monies would change hands until the new truck is ready for delivery, which should be early next year.

In other business, the council voted to reappoint John Holley to another term on the Industrial Development Board.

Mayor Maddox noted he had recently met with officials from Sunbelt Solomon, and they indicate they are very happy to be in Elba. He said financing and other ways for paying for the fire truck could be determined later.

At the point, Parker said he just needed to get Elba's claim on the truck to keep it from being sold to another department instead.

After discussing the matter at length, council members voted unanimously to send an intent to purchase letter to Sunbelt Fire Apparatus. Also, the council and fire chief agreed to con-



ELBA'S JAY WILSON (pictured above) EARNED THE LOW MEDALIST AWARD this week during the Alabama High School Athletic Association's golf championships. Wilson competed in the Class 1A/2A championships with the Elba High School Golf team. The team finished third overall in the competition while Wilson earning the low medalist score in the two-day event. Jay is the son of Josh and Jill Wilson of Elba.



The Kinston School kindergarteners and seniors enjoyed spending the day recently in Elba where they toured the Elba Volunteer Fire Department, played on the playground at Tiger Town Park, and had lunch. It was a fun trip enjoyed by all. The group is shown above in front of the Elba Fire Department.

County EMA director says predictions indicate active hurricane season

Coffee County EMA director James Brown reminded all Monday morning, May 13, during the Coffee County Commission meeting that hurricane season is fast approaching.

The season begins in June and runs through November.

Brown said early prediction models indicate it could be an active hurricane season this year.



Last week, the New Hope Senior Center hosted a Mother's Day celebration. Patricia Booth was named the Mother of the Year. She received a tiera and a gardening basket. She was accompanied by her son, Chris (both pictured above). He had the pleasure of crowning his mother. The center's ladies were met at the door by the men and greeted with smiles. They were pampered from the moment they entered the door.

Area Happenings

The DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will meet Thursday May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Fostering Angels will host an Open House this Saturday, May 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at its new location in Elba - 1951 Hickman Avenue.

The Elba Splash Pad is open for the season. Hours of operation are posted on the fence at the Splash Pad.

NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, May 7, 2024, through Monday, May 13, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, May 7 – Animal complaint reported at 22520 Hwy 189 (1:24 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 911 Farris Ave (1:57 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Lower Curtis Rd (3:08 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 505 Hwy 203 (5:18 p.m.); Vandalism reported at 739 Pinedale Dr (8:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 490 Hwy 203 (11:34 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three citations, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 8 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 851 Harper Dr (3:04 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 851 Harper Dr (4:00 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 851 Harper Dr (4:42 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (6:39 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 975 Brookdale Ave (9:50 a.m.); Animal bites reported at 850 Cedar Lane Dr (11:40 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (2:50 p.m.); Sexual assault/rape reported at 1305 Highland Dr (6:21 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Troy Hwy

and Hwy 84 (11:56 p.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in four citations, six written warnings, and two verbal warnings.

Thursday, May 9 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 304 Factory Ave (12:34 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 381 Tiger Dr (2:19 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 203 and Reese Ave (2:31 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Putnam St and Court Ave (6:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1222 Davis St W (8:38 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 958 Neil Grantham Dr (10:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 737 Lee St – w/impound (11:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (12:56 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 505 (8:42 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one investigative stop and one assistance rendered.

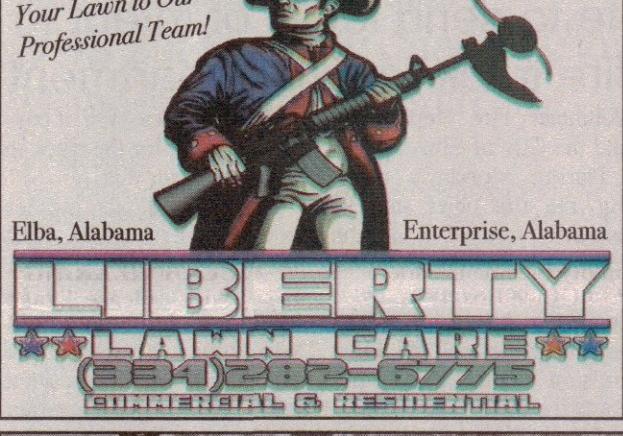
Friday, May 10 – Abandoned vehicle reported at 506 Putnam St (1:35 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1792 Highland Dr (1:52 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2540 Taylor Mill Rd (3:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 516 Williams Ave (4:45 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (8:16 a.m.); Animal complaint

reported on Claxton Ave N (9:47 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at the Elba Food Giant (10:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 990 Hwy 203 (11:18 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Powell Circle (3:47 p.m.); Harassment reported on Farris Ave (8:06 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 2551 Taylor Mill Rd (8:52 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 910 Guyton St (10:30 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Saturday, May 11 – Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (1:03 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (8:52 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one radio log information, one citation, and one written warning.

Sunday, May 12 – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (1:09 a.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 615 Jackson Ave (2:50 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1402 Claxton Ave N (9:27 a.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Monday, May 13 – Traffic accident reported at 804 Hwy 203 (10:21 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported – no location provided in report (4:26 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 911 Farris Ave (8:10 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and one verbal warning.



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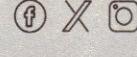
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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

It was refreshing earlier this week to hear Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns say the Elba area showed a nice increase in property taxes paid this past year. He said that means Elba is again growing...something it had not shown a sign of with property taxes in several years. We've felt this was the trend for some time now, even though many still could be heard saying things like "it's drying up" or a "dying town," and now it is great to see the numbers reflect what we suspected to be the true reality.

The Elba High School boys golf team made it to state once again. This year's team finished third in the state for Class 1A/2A boys. That made four straight years the Tigers from Elba have been to the state tournament with two state championships, one state runner-up trophy, and now a third place finish. Not too shabby at all! Oh yeah...the majority of the team members return next year too!

While still on the subject of the golf team, Elba's Jay Wilson won the low medalist award at the state tournament for Class 1A/2A boys. His two-day total was an under par finish. Anyone who knows Jay knows this young man loves golf, and he is something special to watch when playing the game. Congratulations to Jay on this achievement, and we look forward to watching you continue to do great things on the course!

Also, this week, the Lady Brantley Bulldogs and Lady Zion Chapel Rebels will be competing at the state softball championships. Brantley in Class 1A and Zion Chapel in Class 2A. The results of those tournaments had not been decided as of press time this week, but we salute both these teams for making it to state...that is no small feat! We hope next week to be writing about more championship hardware returning to the local area.

There had been many questions of why would the folks building the new Dollar General store in Elba purchase property to build in an area that tends to take on water in flood times in Elba. Our answer was always, "we don't know why they bought that piece of property but they have their own engineers, etc. so we are sure they have a plan." Well...turns out they did have a plan. Quite a bit of dirt has been hauled in and those folks are 'building up' the spot for construction. Looks to us like their plan the whole time was to construct at a higher level to avoid the low-lying area water problems. Sometimes we just have to wait it out and see what happens to get a better understanding.

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**Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder**

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and the Yonder Gang took off last weekend for a little getaway, and as always, it is an adventure when the entire gang travels together.

Papa and Little Bean both get a little "out of sorts" when they are away from their norm at home, but they did pretty good this trip. One of the funniest Papa stories from the weekend came when he and Lou Lou ventured down to the hotel lobby Saturday morning to grab some breakfast.

In true Sister fashion, she had sent Lou Lou with orders to "fix her plate" and bring it back to the room to her. Of course, when Sister gave said orders, Lou Lou looked back and forth from Sister to her hands a few times. Sister quickly got the

message Lou Lou was sending of "I only have to hands to carry all that!"

Sister response to the message was simple. She glanced to Papa and said, "You'll have him with you! Ya'll can handle it."

And...they did. Back to Papa, though.

He needed a little assistance too in getting all his things together for breakfast, and Lou Lou obliged. She waited until he got seated and then proceeded to finish getting her own breakfast.

When she returned to the table, Papa in a concerned voice asked, "Did we need to pay for our breakfast?"

"No. It is part of our stay. Why?" Lou Lou responded.

"Well...there are cashiers over there," Papa said.

With a shake of her head, Lou Lou chuckled and explained, "That's the front desk where we checked in last night!"

That satisfied Papa, and he returned to enjoying his breakfast.

Lou Lou decided right then that she needed to get Papa out more often. He has been spending too much time at home!

As for Sister...well...she found her first complaint regarding Oscar Mike! Riding around with the top panels out and windows down blew her hair too much right after she had fixed it up for supper!

One thing remains certain...there is never a dull moment when the gang travels!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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JANET WARR KING

Mrs. Janet Warr King, age 80, died Monday, May 13, 2024, at her home in Trussville, Ala., after an extended illness.



wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., serving the Updegraff family.

Survivors include his mother-in-law: Debra (L.C.) Cook, Elba; son: Andrew Updegraff, Johnstown, Pa.; stepson: Richard E. Yuhas, Johnstown, Pa.; and brother: Gerald Updegraff, Clinton, Mass.

TOMMY MIXON BOOTHE

Mr. Tommy Mixon Boothe, age 75, a resident of Fairhope, Ala., died peacefully Sunday, May 12, 2024, at his home.



Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., at 11 a.m., with Rev. Olan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 10-11 a.m.

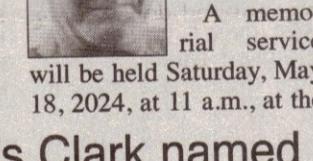
Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Malcolm Boothe.

Survivors include his wife: Ann McCart Boothe, son: Ashley Boothe, daughter-in-law: Stephanie Boothe, grandson: Thomas (Allison) Boothe, granddaughter: Ann-Margaret Boothe, brother: Drexel Boothe, and sister-in-law - Kelly Boothe, all of Fairhope.

STEVEN LEON HOLLIDAY

Mr. Steven Leon Holliday, age 60, of Dozier, Ala., died Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Andalusia Health in Andalusia, Ala.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the



New Brockton Methodist Church (now Cornerstone), 118 N Dawkins Street, New Brockton, Ala., with Ken English officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. A luncheon from the church will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Steve was a hardworking, family loving man. A man of few words. His wife and children, along with his Mama, were his world. There was nothing he wouldn't do for them.

He was a good man with a heart of gold and would help anyone out.

His support and love for his family was unconditional. During his father's illness and death, he took care of his Daddy and his Mama, and their home and property. He was a good son to his mother after his father's passing, being the rock she leaned on. He loved her deeply, and she him.

He was dedicated to the love of his life, Angelia. He was always by her side, supporting her in every endeavor. The love between them, endless.

Mr. Holliday was preceded in death by his father, Henry Leon Holliday.

Survivors include his wife: Angelia Holliday, Dozier; mother: Sallie Faye Holliday, Elba, Ala.; children: Kayla Holliday, (Kat), St. Paul, Minn., and Sarah Holliday, Dozier; sister: Julie LaRue (Wayne), Conway, Ark.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steve's name to the Andalusia Animal Shelter, 101 Coliseum Avenue, Andalusia, AL, 36420; 334-222-8705.

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DORSEY SUPPORTS ELBA FCCLA... The Dorsey Trailer staff last week donated to the Elba High School FCCLA program to help with student expenses for those traveling this summer to compete in the National STAR Event in Seattle, Washington. The local trailer manufacturing company donated \$500 to help with those expenses. Accepting the check for Elba FCCLA were students Zalie McKelvy, Keelie Moseley, and Adalyn O'Neal. Representing the Dorsey staff for the presentation were employees Martina Lovelace, Trey Gary, Phil Smiley, and Bradley Bane.

LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF JIMMY FREEMAN CLARK, DECEASED,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT GEORGE MCPHERSON, deceased CASE NO. PC-2024-708

DEBORAH M. CLARK, PETITIONER CASE NO.: 24-731

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Adam J. McPherson on the 8th day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Deborah M. Clark

Deborah M. Clark, Administrator

Jeffery D. Hatcher

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ANDREA MICHELLE BRACKIN, Deceased. CASE NO. 24-751

NOTICE OF HEARING

You will please take notice that on the 8th day of May, 2024, a certain instrument in writing, titled Amended Motion to Request Permission to Sell Real and Personal Property to Settle Estate Debts was filed by James Kelley, Administrator of the

Estate of James M. Kelley, deceased, and that the 17th

day of June, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. was appointed the

day for the hearing of the

same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama, at

which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

DONE this the 8th day of

May, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Hon. Jodee R. Thompson

Probate Judge

Coffee County, Alabama

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Kelly Sconyers on

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Court of Geneva County,

Elba, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having

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/s/ Kelly Sconyers

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM G. MOTE, deceased

CASE NO. PC-2024-014

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to **Jeanette C. Mote**, on the 25th day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeanette C. Mote
Jeanette C. Mote
/s/ Joel Lee Williams
Joel Lee Williams
Attorney for Estate
75 North Court Square
P.O. Box 446
Troy, Alabama 36081-0446
(334) 566-8484
5/2,9,&16-pd.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by DUANE BELL, spouse of REBA GAYLE BELL and REBA GAYLE BELL, spouse of DUANE BELL, on October 10, 2019, to First National Bank of Hartford, which mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1041 Page 225, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, the undersigned, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the said mortgage will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, on **June 5, 2024**, during the legal hours of sale on May 29, 2024, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

Lot Number 6, in Block A of Slocomb Heights, a plat of which is recorded in Deed Book 1-3, Page 211, Records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama.

Property Address: 152 Jackson Avenue, Slocomb, AL 36375

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging. Said property will be sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis subject to the right of way easements and restrictions of record in the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama, and will be subject to existing special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances.

Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process.

An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

Less AND EXCEPT: A parcel of land lying on the North side of Coffee County Road No. 129 (unpaved) and being a portion of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 21 East, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Ewell Heath, DECEASED.

Case No: 8716

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To: Mavis Heath and Melinda Nelson, who are hereby given notice that a Petition for Probate of Will has been filed regarding Ewell Heath, in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and this hearing is set for the 4th day of June, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. Done this 7th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

Attorney for Geneva County Department of Human Resources
Alfred J. Danner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
5/9,16,&23-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by ROCKY LANE EADY and DEBORA EADY, husband and wife, on the 20th day of April 2023, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in A/OFFR Book 217A, Page 827, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 29, 2024, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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100.00 feet, more or less, to a 1/2" rebar (CAP CA 0537-LS); thence S13°23'27"E 350

LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Pages 3 & 4)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
State of Alabama
County of Coffee
Probate Court Case No.: PR-2024-061

In the Matter of the Estate of Devan Lamar Foster, deceased.
Letter of Administration on the estate of said decedent having been granted to Robyn Smith on the 24th day of April, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Acquelyn Threat Head
Acquelyn Threat Head Personal Representative of said Estate 5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of James Gabriel Jackson, a minor child
Case No.: PR2020-114

NOTICE OF FILING OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that Kimberlee Lopez and Anthony Lopez, Co-Conservators of the Estate of **James Gabriel Jackson**, a minor, filed their account for a partial settlement of said Estate on the 18th day of April, 2024, and that the 10th day of June, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

has been set to hear said settlement in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division.

DONE this the 24th day of April, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES M. KELLEY DECEASED CAUSE NO: PR-2024-064

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 15th day of April, 2024, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to James Kelley to serve as Administrator of the Estate of James M. Kelley, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of James M. Kelley that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.
/s/ Charles H. Ellzey
Charles H. Ellzey (ELL077)
Estate Attorney
PO Box 764
Elba, AL 36323
334-403-5691
chas@chellzeylaw.com
5/2,9&16-pd.

ESTATE OF SANDRA PEEL, deceased
CASE NO: 24-734

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Kim Woodham, Personal Representative on the 23rd day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Joseph C. Jenkins
Joseph C. Jenkins Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID K. COLLINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. 24-744

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Carla E. Collins on the 2nd day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Lee F. Knowles
Attorney for the Estate
PO Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
334-684-8022
5/9,16&23-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAN DIETMEYER, DECEASED,
CASE NO.: 24-726

JOSEPH C. JENKINS, PETITIONER.

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/9,16&23-pd.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Jan Dietmeyer, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Joseph C. Jenkins
Joseph C. Jenkins Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
Post Office Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

CASE NO. 24-740

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Margaret Ruth Hudspeth, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Respectfully Submitted on this the 1st day of May, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

Attorney for Geneva County Department of Human Resources

Alfred J. Danner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/2,9&16-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL EDWARD DAVIS, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2024-741

NOTICE OF HEARING TO BE PUBLISHED BY PROPOSED ADMINISTRATOR

Notice to Michael R. Davis, regarding the Estate of Michael Edward Davis. Let it be known that on the 4th day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, will hear the Petition of Rebecca Davis for the issuance of Letters Testamentary. This shall serve as the official and actual notice to the aforementioned Michael R. Davis of said hearing.

Rebecca Davis, Petitioner

Estate of Michael Edward

5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MATTIE THREAT, a/k/a MATTIE GOULD THREAT, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PR-2024-076

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Mattie Threat a/k/a Mattie Gould Threat, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 2024,

Done this 1st day of May, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Hon. Toby Seay
Judge of Probate

/s/ Preston Register
PRESTON REGISTER (REG001)
Attorney for Estate
256 Honeysuckle Road
Suite 15
Dothan, Alabama 36305
334-678-0100
5/9,16,23&30-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID K. COLLINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. 24-744

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Michael P. Hughes on the 2nd day of May, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ MJF
MARY JEAN FAULK EXECUTRIX

Attorney for Petitioner:
Michael P. Hughes
Attorney at Law
PO Box 10
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/2,9&16-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA ANN WHITE, DECEASED,

JASON LEDDON, PETITIONER.

Case No. 24-723

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Linda Ann White, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jason Leddon
Jason Leddon
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, Alabama 36340
5/9,16&23-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ELBA DIVISION)

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, ATRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-1 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAY L. DAVIS; HILDA DAVIS; AND DYLAN RAY DAVIS, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2023-90045

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice of Completion

"Notice is hereby given that Beasley & Company, P. O.

Box 925 Brewton, Alabama

36427, has completed

all work on ~DIVERSE

TRAIL, RTP Project No.

22-RT-54-04 for the City of

Slocomb, Geneva County,

Alabama." All persons

having any claim for labor,

materials, or otherwise in

connection with this project

should immediately notify

the above named Contractor

and City Clerk, P. O. Box

1147 Slocomb, Alabama

36375. All claims should

be filed within 30 days of

the final publication of this

notice.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

that In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given to Triple T Construction, LLC, Contractor, has completed the Contract for PROJECT TAPNU-TA22 (917) SIDEWALK

REPLACEMENT TO THE COURTHOUSE

at GENEVA COUNTY COURTHOUSE for the

State of Alabama and the

COUNTY OF GENEVA,

GENEVA ALABAMA have

made request for final settle-

ment of said Contract. All

persons having any claim

for labor, materials, or oth-

erwise in connection with

this project should immedi-

ately notify

SOUTHERN ENGINEERING

SOLUTIONS

PO BOX 610

ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA

36420

PHONE 334-222-1849

(Architect)

Triple T Construction, LLC

(Contractor)

136 Hall Road, Dothan, AL

(Business Address)

5/9,16, 23&30-chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, May 16th 2024. Personal

property of the following

units will be sold for cash to

satisfy owner's lien for due

in accordance with AL Code

§ 8-15-46

UNIT B26 & B21 -

MELISA MCFARLAND

HIG

5/9,16-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT

2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Testing Performed January through December 2023)

COFFEE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

PWSID # AL0001789

401 Davis St E. Elba, AL 36323

Phone 334-897-0150

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.

Water Quality Protection

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Coffee County Water Authority and the other water systems providing water to us have developed Source Water Assessment plans that help protecting our water sources. All of the assessments were performed, public notification was completed, and the plans were approved by ADEM. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessments, please call our office to make arrangements to view a copy. Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources.

Information about Lead

Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. However, lead is rarely found in source water. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking.

Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house, not from the local water supply, and hot water is more likely to cause lead to leach from plumbing materials. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available online at <https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water> or by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Andrew Shearer at 334-897-0150. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend one of our regularly scheduled water board meetings. They are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Water Authority office in Elba.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

General Information

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCL's, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
 - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
 - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
 - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
 - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immuno-compromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

| Constituents Monitored | Coffee County Wells | | Other Sources | | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Metric | MCL | |
| Inorganic Contaminants | | | | | |
| Lead/Copper | 2022 | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | |
| Microbiological Contaminants | current | current | current | current | |
| Nitrates | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | |
| Radioactive Contaminants | 2022 | 2020 | 2022 | 2019 | |
| Synthetic Organic Contaminants | Partial 2023 | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | |
| Volatile Organic Contaminants | 2023 | 2022 | 2022 | 2023 | |
| Disinfection By-products | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | |
| UCMRS Contaminants | Not required | Not required | 2023 | Not required | |
| PFAS Contaminants | | 2020 | 2020 | 2022 | |

| Enterprise Water Works TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS | | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------|------------|--|
| Contaminants | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Metric | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Alpha emitters | NO | ND-1.6 | PCU/l | 0 | 15 Erosion of natural deposits |
| Antimony | NO | ND-1.0 | ppb | 6.0 | Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire retardants, ceramics, and electronics |
| Barium | NO | 0.01-0.03 | ppm | 2 | Drilling wastes and refinery discharge; erosion |
| Copper | NO | 0.18* | ppm | 1.3 AL=1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Chromium | NO | ND-1.0 | ppb | 100 | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride | NO | ND-0.89 | ppm | 4 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes dental health; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate | NO | ND-0.15 | ppm | 10 | Rainfall from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] | NO | ND-14.6 | ppb | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Unregulated Contaminants | | | | | |
| Chloroform | NO | ND-1.30 | ppb | 70 | n/a Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff |
| Bromodichloromethane | NO | 0.9-2.6 | ppb | 0 | n/a Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff |
| Dibromochloromethane | NO | 0.9-4.9 | ppb | 0 | n/a Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff |
| Sodium | NO | 3.75 | ppm | 4 | Erosion; settling of radioactive wastes |
| Secondary Contaminants | | | | | |
| Chloride | NO | 4-14.80 | ppm | n/a | 250 Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff |
| Iron | NO | ND-0.09 | ppm | 0.30 | n/a Naturally occurring; erosion; leaching from pipes |
| Manganese | NO | ND-0.05 | ppm | 0.05 | Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from pipes |
| Sodium | NO | 7.93-89.2 | ppm | n/a | n/a Naturally occurring in the environment |
| Sulfate | NO | 9.32 | ppm | 250 | n/a Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |
| Total Dissolved Solids | NO | 200 | ppm | 500 | n/a Naturally occurring in the environment or from runoff |

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above action level = 0

| Enterprise Water Works TABLE OF DETECTED PFAS CONTAMINANTS (In ppb) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Contaminant | Level Detected | Contaminant | Level Detected | Contaminant | Level Detected |
| 11CP304UDs (1-chloro-2-(chlorofluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid) | ND | Perfluorobutanoic acid | ND | Perfluorooctanoic acid | ND |
| 9CP304NS (9-chloro-2-(chlorofluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid) | ND | Perfluorohexanoic acid | ND | Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid | ND |
| ADONA (4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluoronanoic acid) | ND | Perfluorooctanoic acid | ND | Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid | ND |
| HFFO-DA (Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid) | ND | Perfluorooctane sulfonate | ND | Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid | ND |
| NEFOSSA (N-(ethylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid) | ND | Perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid | ND | Perfluorotetradecanoic acid | ND |
| NMFOSA (N-(methylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid) | ND | Perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid | ND | Perfluorotetradecanoic acid | ND |
| Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid | ND | Perfluorobutanoic acid | ND | Perfluoroundecanoic acid | ND |
| Perfluorobutene sulfonic acid | ND | Perfluorobutene sulfonic acid | ND | Perfluoroundecanoic acid | ND |
| Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluoroundecanoic acid | ND |
| Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluoroundecanoic acid | ND |
| Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluorobutene sulfone | ND | Perfluoroundecanoic acid | ND |
| Total PFAS | ND-0.0078 | | | | |

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above action level = 0

| South Crenshaw Water: TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS | | | | | | Likely Source of Contamination |
|---|---------------|-----------------|------|------|--------|--|
| Contaminants | Violation Y/N | Levels Detected | Unit | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Copper | NO | 0.025* | ppm | 1.3 | AL=1.3 | Household plumbing corrosion; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Fluoride | NO | 0.24* | ppm | 4 | 4 | Erosion; water additive for tooth health; fertilizer & factory discharge |
| TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] | NO | 6.70-9.80 | ppb | 0 | 80 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids] | NO | ND-3.0 | ppb | 0 | 80 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Unregulated Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Chloroform | NO | ND-4.40 | ppb | n/a | n/a | Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |
| Bromodichloromethane | NO | ND-2.60 | ppb | n/a | n/a | Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |
| Secondary Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Chloride | NO | 16.2 | ppm | n/a | 250 | Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |
| Hardness | NO | 12.5 | ppm | n/a | 200 | Naturally occurring or from water additives |
| pH | NO | ND-0.05 | ppm | 0.05 | 0.05 | Drilling and refining discharge; erosion; leaching from pipes |
| Sodium | NO | 119 | ppm | n/a | 250 | Naturally occurring or from water additives |
| Sulfate | NO | 16.5 | ppm | n/a | 250 | Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |
| Total Dissolved Solids | NO | 344 | ppm | n/a | 800 | Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff |

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above action level (1.3 ppm) = 0

| South Crenshaw Water: TABLE OF DETECTED PFAS CONTAMINANTS (in ppb) | | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Contaminant | Level Detected | Contaminant | Level Detected | Contaminant | Level Detected |
| 11CP304UDs (1-chloro-2-(chlorofluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid) | ND | Perfluorobutanoic acid | ND | Perfluorooctanoic acid | ND |
| 9CP304 | | | | | |

SPORTS NEWS

VIEWS FROM THE PRESSBOX

The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We get to celebrate a couple of 'two for one' holidays in the months of May and June since my birthday and 'Mother's Day' are usually just days apart, and then Kathy's birthday and 'Father's Day' also usually fall in the same week. While it is good for us and allows us to go out to eat and get a small present, it isn't the same for our girls as they are faced with worrying about getting us presents and helping us celebrate. Hey, at my age a hug and an 'I love you,' are the best presents I can get!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers saw their success** on the softball field come to an end last week at the South Region tournament with two straight losses. The Lady Tigers had piled up a lot of wins in the regular season and had high hopes of pulling off a couple of upsets at region to make it to the state tournament, but fell into the losers bracket early and then were upset victims in the second round. While the season certainly didn't end as the team and its fans had hoped, it was a winning season for the Lady Tigers and one they should all look back on with pride. The loss to Fruitdale that ended the season was a huge disappointment, but besides that the Lady Tigers lost to only three teams all season - Brantley, the six-time state champions looking for their seventh crown in ten years; Wicksburg, the state's top ranked 2A team looking to improve on last year's runners-up finish at state; and, Kinston, a perennial softball power that won 29 games and fell one win short of making a trip to state. The best lesson in sports is often learned from your peers, and this team should have learned a valuable lesson that it was much better than even they realized, and that it is much closer to being a real state title contender than many may realize. With only two seniors in the starting line-up this season, there can be no doubt next year's squad will have experience and should make another run at area, region and state titles.

*** **It was a week to celebrate** for Zion Chapel and Brantley as both teams qualified for the state tournament. The Lady Rebels improved their record to 37-4 with a runner-up finish at the region tourney and had to win three straight games in the elimination bracket to advance after a one-run loss in their second game, while Brantley struggled to a 16-14 regular season record against a schedule that never gave the Lady Bulldogs a chance to rest, but rolled to five straight post-season wins over 1A opponents by a combined score of 76-3 and will now get the chance to defend their title. While the players down at Kinston didn't get to make a trip to state, the Lady Bulldogs certainly gave their fans plenty to cheer about in both the regular season and in the post-season as they rolled to 29 wins with a young, yet very talented team, and without a doubt left the girls even hungrier than before to bring home a state title. While the area will be well represented at this week's state tournament, so too will the wiregrass as some of the state's top teams will converge at Oxford looking to claim an elusive state championship trophy. The teams at state include (1A) Brantley, (2A) Wicksburg and Zion Chapel, (3A) Opp, (4A) Houston Academy, (5A) Rehobeth, and (7A) Enterprise and Dothan.

*** **The Elba Tigers headed up to Florence** over the weekend to compete at the state tournament in golf, and the Tigers will again be a team to keep an eye on as they compete against seven teams from across the state in the 1A-2A division. Elba placed second at last year's state tournament after claiming back-to-back state championships, and while it hasn't been quite as dominating this season at times, the Tigers always play their best at state, and all their fans back here in Elba are pulling for them to make it three out of four!

*** **While everyone drafted by the NFL gets excited** about getting the chance to continue their football careers at the professional level, another reason they get excited is the chance to add money to their bank accounts. Some players with area ties signed their contracts last week, led by former Auburn quarterback Bo Nix, who signed a four-year, fully guaranteed contract for \$18.613 million. The Denver Broncos rookie is already on the practice field with his new team and while he will face a challenge at each and every practice, the fact he is now a millionaire should take away at least a little of his anxiety. All rookie contracts are for four years, and while all aren't guaranteed, the money is amazing. Other contracts signed last week went to Auburn defensive back Jaylin Simpson (\$4.317 million), Troy running back Kimani Vidal (\$4.227 million), Alabama running back Jase McClellan (\$4.214 million), Alabama kicker Will Reichard (\$4.191 million), and Auburn defensive tackle Marcus Harris (\$4.105 million). The NIL money may be big, but it ain't that big.

*** **In closing....** There are rumors circulating that a change may be coming in the Alabama High School Athletic Association that will allow its member schools to compete in sports against teams from the Alabama Independent School Association during the regular season. The decline in the number of teams in the private school association and the addition of many former AISA schools into the AHSAA has created problems for many private schools having to deal with travel, and to allow the merger in regular season schedules seems like a win-win for all parties. I doubt we would ever see a Luverne vs. Crenshaw Christian match-up in football, but the two schools could possibly face off in basketball, baseball or softball, and by playing the AHSAA member schools the private schools could without a doubt enjoy bigger gates. It is just a rumor, but is one that is interesting to think about.

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ZION CHAPEL LADY REBELS



BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOGS

Zion Chapel & Brantley headed to state

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels continued their historic season last week by placing second at the South Region High School Softball Tournament to punch their tickets to this week's Class 1A State Tournament, in Oxford.

The Lady Rebels opened region play against Clarke County and rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to claim an exciting 6-3 win. Clarke County scored all its run in the top of the first inning, while Zion Chapel pulled even in the third and then pulled away to claim the win. Sydney Boothe had 2 hits to lead the Lady Rebels, while Shea Wambles added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Amber Kidd added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Kennedy Hussey and Kaylee Hodge both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

The Lady Rebels saw an early 3-1 lead evaporate in a tense 4-3 loss to G.W. Long. Zion Chapel scored three runs in the third inning to grab the lead, but never made it back to the plate and saw G.W. Long rally to steal the win. Kennedy Hussey had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Madison Meeks, Sydney Boothe and Shea Wambles all added 1 hit. Riley Bannin pitched six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits, with six strikeouts, while Boothe pitched one inning and struck out two.

The Lady Rebels pulled ahead 4-1 in the third inning and held on to battle past J.U. Blacksher 4-3. Riley Bannin had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, and Amber Kidd, Sydney Boothe and Emily Rhodes all added 1 hit. Boothe pitched seven innings and allowed one earned run on six hits, with seven strikeouts.

The Lady Rebels used a 6-run second inning to take command and coasted in with a solid 11-6 win over Luverne. Aubrey Bassett had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Sydney Boothe added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Amber Kidd added 1 hit. Riley Bannin pitched seven innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits, while striking out eight.

The Lady Rebels secured a state tournament berth with a heart-stopping 9-8 win over G.W. Long. Emily Rhodes singled with two outs in the bottom of the seventh and advanced to second on an error, then raced home on a walk-off rbi single by Riley Bannin to give Zion Chapel the wild win. Riley Bannin had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kaylee Hodge added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Kennedy Hussey added 2 hit and scored 1 run; and, Emily Rhodes added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Sydney Boothe pitched seven innings and allowed six earned runs on ten hits, while striking out seven.

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their run through the playoffs last week as they posted three straight wins to claim the Class 1A South Region championship.

The Lady Bulldogs began region action against Elba and combined seven hits with nine walks to claim a 15-0 win.

Brantley scored eight runs in the first inning thanks to

Elba makes early exit

The Elba Lady Tigers competed last week at the Class 1A South Region softball tournament and saw a successful season come to a disappointing end as they lost to Brantley 15-0 and Fruitdale 8-7.

Elba fell behind early in its loss to Brantley as the Lady Bulldogs combined one hit with seven walks and two errors to grab an 8-0 first inning lead, and the Lady Tigers failed to reach the plate as they dropped the 15-0 decision. Mary B. O'Neal had a double to lead Elba at the plate, while Destinee Tidwell and Kaleigh Russell both added 1 hit. Ayrika Caldwell pitched one-third of an inning and allowed six earned runs on one hit and five walks, while Jadyn Caldwell pitched three and one-third innings and allowed seven earned runs on five hits and four walks.

Elba saw their season end with a disappointing 8-7 loss to Fruitdale, in a game in which the Lady Tigers jumped out to a 7-2 lead and watched the lead slowly slip away. Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Danielle Tidwell led off the game with an inside-the-park home-run, but stranded two runners on base in the second and watched as Fruitdale slipped ahead 2-1. Kaleigh Russell, Destinee Tidwell and Ana Caldwell had consecutive singles to lead off the third inning and Mary B. O'Neal followed with a 2-run double and later scored on an rbi double by A'Lyric Whitfield as the Lady Tigers grabbed a 7-2 lead. Elba stranded three runners over the final four innings and then saw Fruitdale take advantage of walks and errors in the bottom of the seventh as Elba dropped the 8-7 decision. Ana Caldwell and Mary B. O'Neal both had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Danielle Tidwell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Destinee Tidwell added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Kaleigh Russell and Haley Tucker both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Ayrika Caldwell and A'Lyric Whitfield both added 1 hit. Ayrika Caldwell pitched six innings and allowed five runs on two hits and nine walks, with nine strikeouts, while Jadyn Caldwell pitched two-thirds of an inning and allowed one earned run on three hits.

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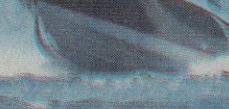
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Elba Parks and Recreation's 2024 10u Softball team included: (front row, left to right): Sadie Barnes, Cerrianna Praytor, Lellani Fox, Perry Kate McCord, Ken'Tana Thomas, and Kaidence Hardwick; (back row, left to right) Coach DeAnn Grantham, Kennedy Nelson, Genesis Johnson, Jaela Smith, Ava Weeks, Anabelle Pickron, Parrish Grantham, Arilecya

Elba Parks and Rec 10u softball team finishes season strong

The Elba Softball Dixie Angels (10 & Under) finished the season 3-4 with strong wins against New Brockton and Geneva.

The girls started the season with a few on the team that had no prior softball experience, but they worked hard the entire season to finish strong with some big wins.

"We were very lucky to have Carol Anne Harrison

Shady Grove AME Church to celebrate 154th Church Anniversary in late May

Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal [AME] Church will celebrate the 154th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 26, at 3 p.m.

The church was established in 1870 by Rev. Elijah H. Daniels.

Guest speaker for the upcoming anniversary cel-

ebration will be Rev. Fred L Flowers, pastor of Parks Chapel AME Church, Dothan, Ala. All are invited to come "magnify the Lord."

Shady Grove AME Church is located at 768 County Rd. 345, Elba, Ala. Rev. James Booth is the current pastor.

VBS set for early June at Zion Chapel Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School for Zion Chapel Baptist Church is set for June 2 - 6 at the church.

There will be classes for Ages 2 through Adult. A light meal will be served

nightly.

VBS will be from 5:30 p.m. on June 2; 6:30 p.m. on June 3-5; and Family Night will be June 6th at 6 p.m.

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Jury Jones 5/31

James Moultry 5/31

Nadean B. White 5/31

Here Comes the Judge

The late Sammy Davis Jr. is remembered, not only for his musical talent, but also for his work as a comedian. One of his most memorable routines was called "Here Comes the Judge."

Davis wore a judge's robe and sat behind a huge bench as if in a courtroom. Many found the unorthodox judgments that his character handed down to be enter-

taining. Harry Anderson, star of the television series Night Court got laughs as well with his caricature of a judge who dressed and behaved in a non-conformist style.

There is often genuine humor in characterizations that are non-stereotypical.

Amos was no "stereotypical" or "cookie cutter" clone of the prophets of his time and place. He really did not have the credentials considered necessary to qualify him for such a job.

He was authorized, however, by the Supreme Judge of all the earth. It was God's indictment that he boldly brought against Israel and Judah. He needed no other validation, degree, or license.

God often appoints unlikely candidates to deliver His messages and render His judgments. Consider the "motley crew" of twelve whom He used to begin the church. Consider us, whom He has commissioned to preach "repentance and remission of sins" to the nations (Luke 24: 47). His commandment alone qualifies us to be "prophets and judges" to our time and to our world. – R.W.B.

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